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February 6, 1997

Mike Dettamanti Don Wood Southwest Stone Box 291 Kanab, Utah 84741

Re: Request for Small Mining Operation Notice of Intention, Long Gulch II, S/017/039, Garfield

County, Utah

Dear Messrs. Dettamanti and Wood:

Thank you for submitting the 1996 annual reports for your mines located in Kane and Washington Counties, which were received February 3, 1997. Included with the annual reports was a report for the Long Gulch II Project, located in Section 6, T36S, R4E, Garfield County. We do not have a Notice of Intention in our files for this project. We have assigned a new file number for this project S/017/039. Enclosed is a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations form (NOI), which you need to complete and return to this office in order to be in compliance with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act.

In your letter, you requested any assistance the Division can give regarding the status of the Escalante Monument. It is our understanding that there will not be any *new* mining claims or leases issued in the monument, nor will the existing claims or leases be able to be expanded upon. However, any mining claims or leases that are currently being operated in the monument may continue to operate.

If we can be of any further assistance to you, please let us know. We await your submittal of the NOI for the Long Gulch II Project.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

Permit Supervisor

Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: MR-SMO

cc: Greg Christensen, BLM, Escalante RA

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